

MINUTES OF : **Meeting of the Cemetery Commissioners**

MEETING POSTED: YES

DATE: 5/11/2011 TIME: 2:00pm PLACE: Kennedy Service Bldg

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brewster Conant, Bill Klauer, Barbara Walsh

ALSO PRESENT: Shawn O'Malley, Allura Overstreet

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:05pm

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST FOR 2ND FLUSH MARKER ON GRAVE SPACE.

Jim Padula from Tacoma Washington requests that he be allowed to place a private flush on a grave space that already has a veterans marker on it. In 1996 his brother (a veteran) passed away and since then his mother has passed requesting to be placed in the same grave space as his brother. He does not want to get rid of his brothers service marker and would also like to be able to memorialize his mother. See attached letter of request. Motion to accept a 2nd flush marker made, 2nd, pass. Mr. Padula was advised by phone on this same day of the decision.

CONTENTION OF LOT OWNERSHIP :

We received a verbal request from Jim Fenton of Acton to research the ownership of a lot which his wife Carol paid for in 2003. Another member of the family (Brenda Panetta) has been bragging that she had the ownership of the lot put into her name and that she owns it. Upon inspection of the file (copies of contents attached) it appears that the lot was indeed paid for by Carolyn Fenton but the bill was c/o Brenda Panetta. The bill of sale was drawn up in February 2003 and the deed was drawn up in April 2003. Consequently the deed is registered to Brenda Panetta. Shawn and Allura feel that this is probably a clerical error based on inaccurate assumptions, but feel that the matter should be settled by the Commissioners after reviewing all the evidence.


The Commissioners feel that this is now a private matter, there can be no involvement by the Commissioners to alter documents that are now over 8 years old. Mr. Fenton was advised by phone this same day of the decision.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm

Next meeting scheduled for: 6/8/2011


Brewster Conant


William A. Klauer


Barbara Walsh

Sec 7A Lot 21 Woodlawn - Single grave (no upright)

April 5, 2011

Town of Acton Cemetery Commission
472 Main Street
Acton MA 01720

RE: Memorial Marker

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to ask your consideration regarding the placement of two memorial markers on a single gravesite. In September of 1996 my brother, Anthony L. Padula, had a full burial at Woodlawn Cemetery. My mother, Madeline Meunier Padula, recently died in March of this year and her body was cremated under the direction of the Acton Funeral Home. Her wish was to have her ashes placed in the same gravesite as my brother.

My Brother proudly served in the Air Force and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs provided the beautiful military marker at his gravesite. I recently was informed that according to the Acton Cemetery policy only one memorial is allowed per gravesite. Also I was told that my brother's marker would be ground up if I ordered a new marker with both their names. Since the Veterans marker meant a great deal to my mother I am requesting that I be allowed to place a separate marker for my mother at the gravesite.

Up until my mother moved to an Assisted Living facility in Beverly in 2007 she frequently visited my brother's gravesite. Many times she told me how well kept the cemetery grounds were and how she was thrilled with the yearly placement of the American Flag at my brother's gravesite. She felt safe there, was appreciative of the kindness of the workers, and often did her daily walks in the shade of the trees.

It would mean a lot to me to not have to destroy my brother's Veterans provided marker and also for my mother to have her own marker.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Jim Padula
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Tacoma WA 98406
360 701 6452
jimpadula@comcast.net

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Town of Acton - Cemetery Department

Office: Kennedy Service Building
Woodlawn Cemetery
Tel: (978) 264-9644

Mrs. Pauline L. Nicholson
7 Long Ridge Road
Acton, MA 01720

c/o Brenda J. Panetta
95 Groton School
Ayer, MA 01432

February 12, 2003

For two-grave lot 62, section 14, Woodlawn Cemetery and its Perpetual Care	\$1,000.00
Town Clerk's fee for recording the deed in the Town Records	10.00
Feb. 14 th interment fee for Pauline L. Nicholson	450.00
Total	\$1,460.00
Payment Rec'd. February 12, 2003	Check No. 8731 Carolyn Fenton 5 Milberry Lane Acton, MA 01720
	\$1,460.00

Please make check payable to: Town of Acton

and mail to: Cemetery Department
472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720

Thank you

TOWN OF ACTON
MASSACHUSETTS

Cemetery Department

DEED

This Certifies that Brenda J. Panetta (for Pauline L. Nicholson)
of 95 Groton School Road, Ayer, MA 01432

her heirs and assigns, are hereby granted the exclusive right of burial of
the dead in Lot No. 62 Section No. 14 in Woodlawn

Cemetery, Acton, Massachusetts; said lot shall be holden subject to all the by-laws, rules and
regulations made, and to be made, by the Cemetery Commissioners of said Acton.
Two-grave lot. Upright monument allowed. Flower bed in front of upright monument
allowed.

TOWN OF ACTON

by *Brewster Conant*
Brewster Conant,
Secretary of the Board of
Cemetery Commissioners.

Date April 9, 2003

Paid: \$1,000.00 for the lot and its Perpetual Care; \$10.00 Town Clerk's fee.

LOT NO. 62

AVENUE

BRENDA J. MANETTA SEC. 14

ANNUAL
CARE

NICHOLSON, PAULINE L.

C/O

95 GROTON SCHOOL

AYER, MA 01432

OWNER REPRESENTATIVE 53 Brook St. Apt. 43 ADDRESS

Acton, MA 01720

PRICE OF
LOTDEPT. FOR PER.
CARE

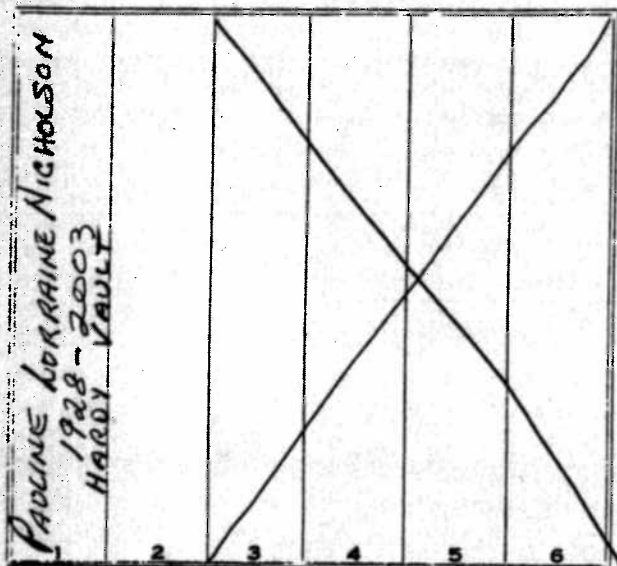
2-12-03 Lot 62 BY CAROLYN FENTON, 5 MULBERRY LN, ACTON, MA

FEB. 12, 2003

\$ 200.00

\$ 800.00

2-GRAVE LOT



NO. INTERMENT

NAME

GRAVE
NO.

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MEMORANDA:

Woodlawn Cemetery Concord Road

Interment Order
Removal Order

Acton Center, Massachusetts 01720

The undersigned hereby requests and authorizes Woodlawn Cemetery representatives to inter on the 14th day of February 2003 the remains of Mrs. Pauline L. Nicholson, late of _____

53 Brook Street Acton Ma 01720,
who died at Westborough Ma on the 11th day of February 2003
Age 74; dated at Acton on this 13th day of February 2003
Proprietor/Legal representative: Carol Feder

Address/Phone: _____

If representative, give relationship to original owner _____

Funeral Home/Director: John A. Doran Acton Funeral Home

Address/Phone: 470 Mass Ave Acton Ma 01720

Location in lot: L. 62 Sec. 14 Gr. 1 Outer Container 30" Doric Classic (Hardy)

Proprietors, or legal representatives after the decease of the proprietors, should give personal attention to interment orders. The Cemetery is not responsible for orders and location of graves received by telephone. Interments cannot be made without the Board of Health Permit and properly signed orders. Thirty-six hours notice is required before interments can be made.